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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	De Vuyst, et al.
Appl. No.	:	unknown
Filed	:	herewith
For	:	STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH- MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES (amended)
Examiner	:	unknown
Group Art Unit	:	unknown

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.